

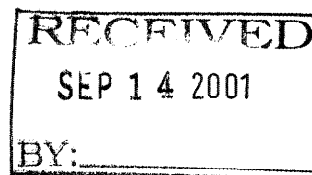


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September 7, 2001

Dear Sir or Madam:



This letter will serve as a 30 day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on the Vitamin B-12 1000 mcg supplement under the Major brand name.

- Contributes to the health of the nervous system.
- Vitamin B-12 is essential for normal formation of blood cells and contributes to the health of the nervous system.
- The B vitamins play a role in energy metabolism in the body.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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Director of Nutrition Communications

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